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Addendum

PROGRAMME QUESTIONS: PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1998-1999 (item 4 (a))

Section 29. Jointly financed administrative activities

1. At its 18th meeting, on 23 June 1997, the Committee considered section 29, Jointly financed administrative activities, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6 (sect. 29)).

Discussion

2. A number of delegations expressed concern about the significant reductions in the appropriations proposed for the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) and the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU). Some delegations requested that they be provided with an explanation of the difference between net budgeting and gross budgeting. Other delegations requested clarifications on what action would be required from the General Assembly in respect of the budget proposals of ICSC and JIU.

3. The representative of the Secretary-General indicated that the apparently significant reductions in the appropriations requested for the Commission and the Unit resulted from net budgeting. He recalled that during previous bienniums appropriations requested under the expenditure section related to the total costs of ICSC and JIU, with the reimbursement from other organizations being credited to the United Nations under income section 2. In order to reflect more accurately the true level of expenditures attributable to the

regular budget, the appropriations requested for the Commission and the Unit in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 related exclusively to the United Nations share of the costs of those activities, with no credit being made under the income section. However, the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 for the full costs of both ICSC and JIU, namely the gross 1998-1999 budget proposals, were still being presented to the General Assembly for its consideration and approval. Action required by the Assembly, would be as follows:

(a) To approve the gross budgets of the Commission and the Unit, under the terms of their respective statutes, as proposed under the relevant tables under the section, namely, $11,566,100 for ICSC and $8,982,600 for JIU. Approval by the Assembly of the gross budgets would constitute the basis for other participating organizations to meet their share of the full costs of the ICSC and JIU.

(b) To approve the related appropriation requested under the regular budget of the United Nations, representing the United Nations share of the total costs of ICSC and JIU, namely, $3,322,900 and $1,880,100 for the Commission and the Unit, respectively.

Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee took note of the narrative of section 29, Jointly financed administrative activities, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. The Committee also took note of the parallel actions required by the General Assembly, namely, to approve the gross budgets of ICSC and JIU and to approve the related appropriation requested under the net budgets of those activities.